

Alaska FASD Partnership - Steering Committee
July 13, 2016 – MINUTES

I. Introductions. Vickie Tinker, Alex Edwards, Christie Reinhart, Jeanne Gerhardt, Deb Evensen, Mike Baldwin, Teri Tibbett

II. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes 5.11.16. Approved.

IV. Member Updates

Teri gave an overview of SB 91, criminal justice reform, which was signed by Governor Walker on July 11, including the attention the bill gives to behavioral health treatment inside the institutions and outside in the community, identifying people with disabilities as part of their Offender Management Plan (OMP), and the ideal that they will be served appropriately while incarcerated and through their transition into the community after incarceration. Also, gave overview of the Lemon Creek Correctional Center (LCCC)'s In Reach Volunteer Program that is being developed collaboratively with DOC and community stakeholders, with the goal being bringing people into the prison to help inmates who are transitioning out to have appropriate supports set up in advance, including housing and employment support, mental health and substance abuse treatment, parenting and life skills classes, mindfulness meditation, grief counseling/support, victim impact classes, etc.

Deb Evensen reported on the Anchorage School District mentees who lead the parent support groups will presenting their model at the International U.K. Conference on FASD in London – showing the structure, program, activities and successes of the parent support program for families impacted by FASD.

Alex talked about the University's FASD training center working on universal screening for alcohol use at all medical appointments, to reduce stigma, catch people before they develop a disorder, provide information about risks of certain levels of alcohol use, including the use of alcohol during pregnancy. Also, CDC is anticipating that the new online FASD training for medical providers will be ready soon.

Jeanne is currently attending a Brief Training and Intervention in Anchorage, which includes representatives from several regions, including Kotzebue area, Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC), and others; she is talking to the Trust about getting more focus on FASD population; she is planning for FASD Awareness Day activities in Kiana; she is following what Medicaid reform is doing regarding assessment and screening for FASD, which will be a replacement for ICAP.

Mike talked about screening and assessment tools. It's unlikely a substantial tool will be implemented in Corrections any time soon, because there isn't one, but they will likely be implementing a more comprehensive screening effort. They've been having issues with not having research-based or evidence-based tools for assessment. Recommended following up with Adam Rutherford for an update.

Christie talked with Barb Chambers, who said about 30% of people who show up at itinerant autism clinics are being turned away and told they need an FASD diagnosis. This is heartbreaking for families who have waited six months for the clinic and go away with disappointment and few supports. It is an opportunity for education. Pediatric neurodevelopmental physicians are on the team for autism clinics. Dr. Brenner, current pediatrician, will be retiring, so they'll be looking for a new pediatrician who could look at neuro-behavioral/neuro-developmental issues, not just autism. A couple entities in tribal health are proposing to offer that, if they can get the model off the ground, then expand and share the model. Alaska Native Tribal Health Center is breaking ground on neurodevelopmental/ neurobehavioral effort: "No Wrong Door."

V. Ad Hoc Workgroup Discussion on Therapeutic Foster Care – Action Items

Next meeting: Friday, July 22, 2016 Noon-1pm. Participants: Vickie Tinker, Deb Evensen, Jeanne Wagaman, Jeanne Gerhart-Cyrus, Teri Tibbett.

VI. September 9th Activities

Teri discussed there will be full-day CLE FASD training in Anchorage on September 9th for judges and attorneys, sponsored by the Alaska Bar Association, consisting of panels and presentations. Teri is helping coordinate it.

VII. Announcements

Teri asked the group about inviting Betsy Chivers, FASD Case Manager, and Barb Chambers, Anchorage diagnostic team, to join the Partnership's steering committee. Support for each person was unanimous.

VII. Next Regular Meeting: August 10, 2016